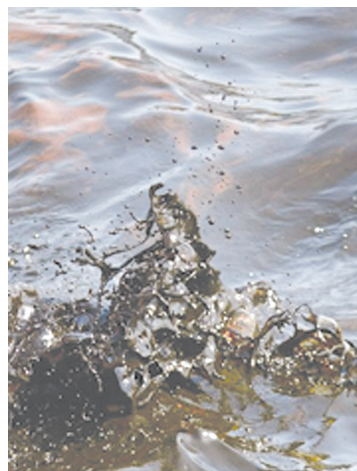


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Black waves of oil and brown whitecaps are seen off the side of the supply vessel Joe Griffin at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill containment efforts in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana, Sunday, May 9, 2010.

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Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Dallas Braden celebrates after throwing a perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays during a baseball game in Oakland, Calif., Sunday, May 9, 2010. Oakland won 4-0.

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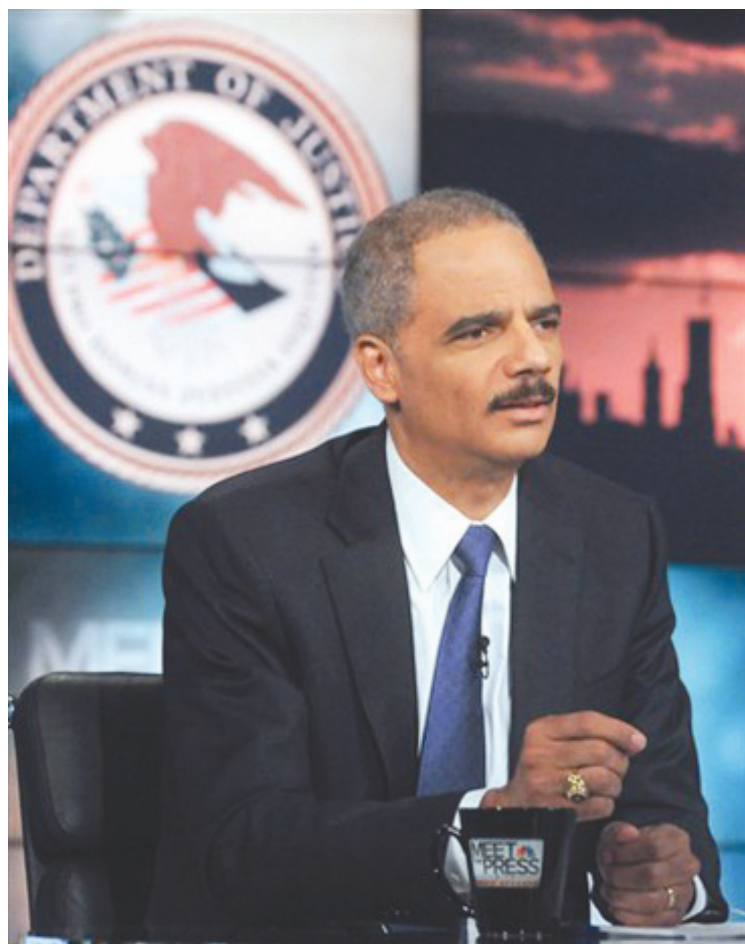
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This photo provided by NBC shows U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder speaking on "Meet the Press" in Washington Sunday, May 9, 2010. Holder said Sunday that new evidence shows the Pakistani Taliban was "intimately involved" in the bombing plot on Times Square.

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Ash from Iceland's volcano shuts down Europe's airports

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GENEVA (AP) — Airlines canceled hundreds of flights across Europe and added hours to trans-Atlantic journeys Sunday as planes were diverted around a large plume of ash spewed by an Icelandic volcano and stretching from Greenland to Portugal. So far, the weekend cancellations have been a fraction of the flights nixed two weeks ago when jittery European air traffic authorities closed down much of the

continent's airspace for fear the volcano's abrasive ash could harm jet engines. But the possibility loomed of continuing eruption, and rising costs to airlines from ongoing disruption.

The bulk of the cloud, measuring 2,100 miles long and 1,400 miles wide, stretched over the North Atlantic, according to the Irish Aviation Authority. It ordered Ireland's five westernmost airports to close Sunday afternoon but allowed the country's three biggest airports in Dublin, Shannon and Cork to stay

A departure board displays cancelled flights at the Sa Carneiro Airport in Porto, Portugal, Sunday, May 9, 2010. Dozens of flights in France, Italy and Portugal were cancelled Sunday as airspace was closed because of an ash cloud drifting over from a volcano in Iceland that caused major air travel chaos last month. In Portugal, all flights to and from the northern city of Porto were suspended.

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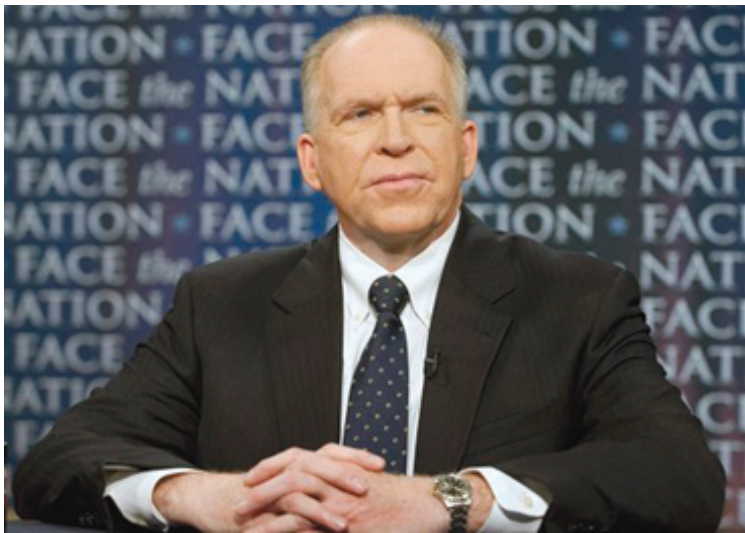
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This photo provided by CBS shows John Brennan, Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Adviser for Homeland Security and Counterterrorism, talking about the Times Square bombing attempt on CBS's "Face the Nation" in Washington Sunday, May 9, 2010. Brennan linked the bomber to the Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan, or TTP, but refuted suggestions that that the attempted bombing shows that terrorist groups overseas were gaining strength.

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Neither official said what the new evidence was.

Faisal Shahzad, a U.S. citizen of Pakistani descent, is believed to have spent five months in Pakistan before returning to the United States in February and preparing his attack.

Shahzad has told investigators

that he trained in the lawless tribal areas of Waziristan, where both al-Qaida and the Pakistani Taliban operate. He was arrested aboard an Emirates Airlines jet in New York just minutes before it was scheduled to take off for Dubai.

After the attack, U.S. officials said they were exploring potential links to terrorist

groups overseas but said it was likely that Shahzad was acting alone and that it was an isolated incident.

Last week, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, told NBC News that "at this point I have no information that it's anything other than a one-off." Gen. David Petraeus told The Associated Press that Shahzad apparently operated as a "lone wolf."

Brennan on Sunday rejected suggestions that that the attempted bombing shows that terrorist groups overseas were gaining strength.

"They now are relegated to trying to do these unsophisticated attacks, showing that they have inept capabilities in training," he said.

The link between an attack on U.S. soil and terrorist groups operating inside Pakistan opens up a new chapter in relations between the two countries. Until recently, administration officials have said they thought Islamabad was doing all it could.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said Washington expects more

cooperation from Pakistan in fighting terrorism and warned of "severe consequences" if an attack on U.S. soil were successful and traced back to the South Asian country.

Brennan said Islamabad was being very cooperative in the investigation but that the U.S. wants to know exactly who may have been helping Shahzad.

"There are a number of terrorist and militant groups operating in Pakistan," he said. "And we need to make sure there's no support being given to them by the Pakistani government." Pakistani army spokesman Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, who last week said he doubted the Pakistani Taliban had anything to do with the failed bombing, declined to comment Sunday. He said representatives of the country's civilian government should respond. They were not available for comment.

Brennan would not say whether Shahzad may be connected to fugitive al-Qaida cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, other than to acknowledge his Internet sermons are popular among extremist Muslims.

Defense Secretary Robert

Gates said Pakistan has recently stepped up efforts to root out extremist militants.

"The Pakistanis have been doing so much more than 18 months or two years ago any of us would have expected," Gates told reporters at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, this week.

He referred to Pakistani Army offensives, dating to spring 2009, against Taliban extremists in areas near the Afghan border, including in south Waziristan.

Gates said the Obama administration is sticking to its policy of offering to do as much training and other military activity inside Pakistan as the Pakistani government is willing to accept.

"It's their country," Gates said. "They remain in the driver's seat, and they have their foot on the accelerator."

Brennan spoke on CNN's "State of the Union," "Fox News Sunday" and CBS' "Face the Nation." Holder spoke on NBC's "Meet the Press" and ABC's "This Week." Clinton's interview with CBS' "60 Minutes" is set to air Sunday. □

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Growing oil spill puts BP in scramble mode

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ON THE GULF OF MEXICO

(AP) — A growing collection of crippled equipment littered the ocean floor Sunday near a ruptured oil well gushing crude into the Gulf of Mexico, the remnants of a massive rig that exploded weeks ago and the failed efforts since to cap the leak.

On the surface, nearly a mile up, a fleet of ships maneuvered to deploy the latest stopgap plans hatched by BP engineers desperate to keep the Deepwater Horizon disaster from becoming the nation's worst spill. An estimated 3.5 million gallons has risen from the depths since the April 20 explosion that killed 11, a pace that would surpass the total spilled in the Exxon Valdez disaster by June 20.

A day after icelike crystals clogged a four-story box that workers had lowered atop the main leak, crews using remote-controlled submarines hauled the specially built structure more than a quarter-mile away and prepared other long-shot methods of stopping the flow.

One technique would use a tube to shoot mud and concrete directly into the well's blowout preventer, a process that could take two to three weeks.

Chief operating officer Doug Suttles said BP was also thinking about putting a smaller containment dome over the massive leak, believing that it would be less vulnerable because it would contain less water. The smaller dome could be ready to deploy Tuesday or Wednesday.

The company was also now debating whether it should cut the riser pipe undersea and use larger piping to bring the gushing oil to a drill ship on the surface. Cutting the pipe would be tough, and was considered the less desirable option, said Suttles, who gave

no indication of exactly what the next step would be.

As BP weighed its options on the mainland, waves of dark brown and black sludge crashed into a boat in the area above the leak. The fumes there were so intense that a crewmember of the support ship Joe Griffin and an AP photographer on board had to wear respirators while on deck.

A white cattle egret landed on the ship, brownish-colored stains of oil on its face and along its chest, wings and tail. Meanwhile, thick blobs of tar washed up on Alabama's white sand beaches, yet another sign the spill was spreading.

It had taken about two weeks to build the box and three days to cart the containment box 50 miles out and slowly lower it to the well a mile below the surface, but the frozen depths were just too much. BP officials were not giving up hopes that a containment box — either the one brought there or another one being built — could cover the well. But they said it could be Monday or later before they decide whether to make another attempt to capture the oil and funnel it to a tanker at the surface.

Company and Coast Guard

officials had cautioned that icelike hydrates, a slushy mixture of gas and water, would be one of the biggest challenges to the containment box plan. The crystals clogged the opening in the top of the peaked box, BP chief operating officer Doug Suttles said, like sand in a funnel, only upside-down.

The containment box plan, never before tried at such depths, had been designed to siphon up to 85 percent of the leaking oil.

The original blowout was triggered by a bubble of methane gas that escaped from the well and shot up the drill column, expanding quickly as it burst through several seals and barriers before exploding, according to interviews with rig workers conducted during BP PLC's internal investigation. Deep sea oil drillers often encounter pockets of methane crystals as they dig into the earth.

As the bubble rose, it intensified and grew, breaking through various safety barriers, said Robert Bea, a University of California Berkeley engineering professor and oil pipeline expert who detailed the interviews exclusively to an AP reporter. □



Thick black waves of oil and brown whitecaps are seen off the side of the supply vessel Joe Griffin at the site of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill containment efforts in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Louisiana Sunday, May 9, 2010.

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Sen. Bob Bennett ousted at Utah party convention



U.S. Senator Bob Bennett, R-Utah, becomes emotional while thanking his volunteers and family after being voted out of office by delegates at the 2010 Utah GOP Convention Saturday, May 8, 2010 in Salt Lake City.

BROCK VERGAKIS

Associated Press Writer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)

— A once-popular U.S. senator has fallen victim to a growing national conservative

movement by suffering a stunning defeat at Utah's Republican convention.

Delegates voted Saturday to bar 76-year-old Sen. Bob Bennett from seeking a fourth

term, making him the first congressional incumbent to be ousted this year. It demonstrates the challenges candidates face from the right in 2010.

Bennett was under fire for voting to bail out Wall Street, co-sponsoring a bipartisan bill mandating health insurance coverage and for aggressively pursuing government funding for special projects in his state.

"The political atmosphere obviously has been toxic, and it's very clear that some of the votes that I have cast have added to the toxic environment," Bennett told reporters Saturday, choking back tears. "Looking back on them, with one or two very minor exceptions, I wouldn't have cast any of them any

differently, even if I had known at the time they were going to cost me my career." Bennett told The Associated Press he wouldn't rule out a write-in candidacy. State law prohibits him from running as an independent.

"I do think I still have a lot of juice left in me," Bennett said following his loss. "We'll see what the future may bring."

Bennett survived a first round of voting Saturday among roughly 3,500 delegates but was eliminated when he finished a distant third in the second round. He garnered just under 27 percent of the vote, while businessman Tim Bridgewater had 37 percent, and attorney Mike Lee got 36 percent. Lee and Bridgewater will face each other in a June 22 primary after a third round of voting in which neither got the 60 percent necessary to win outright.

"Don't take a chance on a newcomer," Bennett had pleaded in his brief speech to the delegates before the second round of voting began. "There's too much at stake." Yet that urging, and Bennett's endorsements by the National Rifle Association, an influential gun owners lobbying group, and former presidential candidate and fellow Mormon Mitt Romney, did little to stave off anger toward the Washington establishment from delegates. "The bailout bothers me. That in and of itself is unforgivable in my opinion," said delegate

Scott White, a 58-year-old general contractor from Taylorsville.

Bennett initially faced seven Republican opponents who said he wasn't conservative enough for ultraconservative Utah. Lee, 38, and Bridgewater, 49, campaigned largely by saying they're better suited to rein in government spending than Bennett.

"I will fight every day as your U.S. senator for limited government, to end the cradle-to-grave entitlement mentality, for a balanced budget, to protect our flag, our borders and our national security and for bills that can be read before they receive a final vote in congress," Lee said in his convention speech.

Bennett's defeat is the latest in a series of surprising political developments in a year in which the conservative grassroots tea party movement has amassed growing power.

In January, then-little-known Republican Scott Brown won the U.S. Senate seat from Massachusetts long held by the late Edward Kennedy. Several incumbents from both parties have opted not to seek re-election as they face difficult challenges, and Florida Gov. Charlie Crist recently opted to run as an independent in his Senate bid rather than face defeat in the Republican primary.

Other Republican candidates likely were eyeing Saturday's results to see if it's an indicator of things to come. □



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Probe: No engine alarms before NY ferry dock crash

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NEW YORK (AP) — Engine conditions appeared normal and no engine alarms sounded before a Staten Island ferry malfunctioned while approaching its terminal and slammed into a pier, injuring dozens of people, federal investigators said Sunday.

A National Transportation Safety Board team said it determined that the ferry's two forward engines facing the Staten Island dock stopped upon impact but the two rear engines were still operating. The team has interviewed the chief engineer and some crew members of the Andrew J. Barberi ferry, which was carrying 252 passengers and about 18 crew members when it crashed at the St. George Ferry Terminal on Saturday. It also has met with the management of the Staten Island Ferry.

Based on an initial interview Sunday with the chief engineer, who was in the ferry's engine control room, "there were no engine alarms prior to the accident," NTSB member Robert Sumwalt said. "All conditions concerning the engines were normal prior to the accident," said Sumwalt, adding that there were also no previous problems with the propulsion system or electrical systems.

Alcohol and drug tests were conducted on the crew members, Sumwalt said at a news conference on Staten Island on Sunday.

The alcohol tests, which were conducted by the U.S. Coast Guard, came back negative for all, and the drug tests were

being evaluated, he said. "At this point in the investigation, we're not ruling anything out," said Sumwalt, part of a seven-member NTSB team. "Everything is on the table."

The NTSB team completed its first full day of work on the investigation Sunday. It will spend as much as a week collecting information and evidence surrounding the accident, which injured up to 37 people.

After the NTSB team completes its work at the scene, it will return to Washington, D.C., where it will conduct a deeper analysis of the collected information to try to determine the cause of the accident. That could take from a year to a year and a half, Sumwalt said.

The NTSB, however, could issue urgent safety recommendations before that, he said.

City Department of Transportation Commissioner Janette Sadik-Khan has said the accident appeared to be the result of a mechanical failure. The ferry's throttle failed to engage as it prepared to dock, she said, meaning the crew was unable to use the engines to apply reverse thrust and slow down. The cause of the malfunction is unknown, she said. The 3,000-ton, 310-foot-long ferry was moving at about 5 knots, or 5.8 mph, when it hit.

The NTSB's plans for Monday included interviews with all crew members, including the captain and assistant captain and the other members of the engine crew. The NTSB

said it also will interview passengers.

Investigators on Monday also planned to meet with the manufacturer of the ferry's propulsion system, Voith Schneider.

The NTSB is looking at video security footage from several locations, including footage of the vessel, the bridge, the engine room and the Staten Island dock.

Investigators are getting information from a Coast Guard radar tracking system that followed the vessel and registered its speed as it crossed from Manhattan to Staten Island. Officials could not say whether the ferry was going too fast.

The Andrew J. Barberi ferry was involved in a 2003 wreck that killed 11 people. That accident occurred when the pilot, suffering from extreme fatigue and on painkillers, passed out at the wheel and the boat hit the terminal in St. George at full speed. The ferry returned to service after a multimillion-dollar rehabilitation.

The pilot pleaded guilty to negligent manslaughter and lying to investigators. He was sentenced to 18 months in prison. The city ferry director was sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty to negligent manslaughter and admitting he failed to implement or enforce a rule requiring two pilots during docking.

On July 1, 2009, a different ferry lost power and slammed into a pier at the St. George terminal, causing more than a dozen minor injuries among passengers. □



The Staten Island ferry docks in Manhattan, New York, Sunday, May 9, 2010. The Staten Island ferry that malfunctioned and smashed into a pier tossing passengers to the deck has been idled, while federal and local officials try to figure out what went wrong.

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DA seeks hate crime charges in swastika case

FARMINGTON, New Mexico (AP) — Prosecutors in New Mexico said they will pursue hate crime charges against three men accused of branding a swastika on a mentally challenged man's arm using a heated metal clothes hanger.

Jesse Sanford, 24, William Hatch, 28, and Paul Beebe, 26, were charged Friday with kidnapping, aggravated battery causing great bodily harm and other felony charges. The men were jailed with bond set at \$150,000 cash.

"We'll explore every conceivable available avenue in charging them with a hate crime because what happened to the victim was so horribly wrong," said Chief Deputy District Attorney Sarah Weaver.

The three white men are accused of forcing the 22-year-old victim from the Navajo Indian reservation into a car on April 29 and driving him to an apartment. Besides branding the man's arm there, police say the suspects shaved a swastika into his hair and drew degrading words and pictures on his body with permanent marker.

Afterward, the trio allegedly kicked the victim out of the apartment, and a nearby convenience store clerk called police, the Farmington Daily Times reported.

Hospital employees washed off the degrading speech and pictures. A local barbershop cut the man's hair to remove the swastika, police Sgt. Robert Perez said.

Officers obtained search warrants for the apartment and the men's vehicle. Insignia associated with white supremacist beliefs were found in the apartment, Perez said. □

U.S. praises Israelis, Palestinians for peace talks

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JERUSALEM (AP) — The U.S. praised Israelis and Palestinians for pledging modest steps to create a positive atmosphere for their first peace contacts in more than a year, after the initial round of indirect talks ended Sunday.

President Barack Obama's Mideast envoy, George Mitchell, left for home Sunday after multiple meetings with Israeli and Palestinian leaders over the course of a week to get the indirect talks under way. Resumption of the peace talks amounts to the first achievement here for the Obama administration.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Philip Crowley said the talks were "serious and wide-ranging," and both sides offered initial steps to help things along: Israel committed to no building in a housing project in disputed east Jerusalem and the Palestinians said they would work against



U.S. Middle East envoy George Mitchell, center left, shakes hands with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas after their meeting in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Sunday, May 9, 2010. The Palestinians announced Sunday that indirect talks with Israel have officially begun, marking a return to formal peace negotiations after a 17-month breakdown.

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incitement.

Over the next four months, Mitchell will ply the road between the offices of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Netanyahu, less than 10 miles

apart, to try to narrow vast differences over the terms of Palestinian independence. Crowley said in a statement that Mitchell will return in a week for another round of shuttle diplomacy. He said Mitchell told both sides that progress is important so that they can move to direct negotiations about creation of a Palestinian state next to Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet on Sunday that the goal should be resumption of direct peace negotiations as soon as possible.

"Peace can't be made from a distance or by remote control," he told his Cabinet. "Over time one cannot assume that that we will reach decisions and agreements on critical issues such as security and our national interests and their interests if we don't sit in the same room."

Indirect talks are a step backward after 16 years of face-to-face negotiations, which failed to achieve a peace accord. The last direct talks broke down in late 2008.

The Palestinians claim all of the West Bank and Gaza Strip, with east Jerusalem as their capital. Netanyahu says Israel must maintain a presence in the West Bank to protect his country's security. He also says east Jerusalem — home to sensitive Jewish, Muslim and Christian holy sites — must remain under Israeli control. Israel, which captured all three areas in the 1967 Mideast war, withdrew from Gaza in 2005. Mitchell's mission was devised to get around a deadlock over Israeli settlement construction. Abbas has said he will not negotiate directly without an Israeli freeze on Jewish settlement activity. Netanyahu has offered only a temporary construction slowdown in areas claimed by the Palestinians.

The indirect talks had been set to start in March, but they were thrown into disarray when Israel announced plans to build 1,600 homes in Ramat Shlomo, a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem.

The Israeli commitment in the opening talks is for no new construction in Ramat Shlomo

for two years, the State Department statement said.

The statement also warned the two sides not to take steps that would undermine confidence. Even so, a new dispute broke out on Sunday.

Israel's trade minister, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, accused Palestinian Prime Minister Salam Fayyad of trying to derail Israel's application to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Fayyad is a respected economist with strong international contacts.

"We should not bring politics into organizations that deal with economics and trade," Ben-Eliezer said.

Fayyad's office did not immediately comment, though he has in the past spoken out against Israel's membership in the OECD.

The 31-member organization must vote unanimously to accept new members. It is expected to announce a decision on Monday.

Israeli officials say acceptance would be an important stamp of approval for its economy, boost the country's credit rating and strengthen ties with foreign investors.

Opponents argue that Israel's occupation of the West Bank and discriminatory treatment of its own Arab citizens put the country at odds with the OECD's commitment to human rights.

Also Sunday, Israel's president, Shimon Peres, said he has turned to Russia to ease tensions with Syria.

Peres' office announced Sunday that Russia's president agreed to deliver an Israeli message to Syrian leader Bashar Assad later this week. Peres and Dmitry Medvedev met in Moscow during the annual commemoration ceremony marking the end of World War II.

Peres said Israel wants peace with Syria but that it must stop alleged weapons transfers to Hezbollah in Lebanon. Peres recently accused Syria of transferring Scud missiles to Hezbollah. Syria denies the charge. □

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Airlines diverted their trans-Atlantic traffic north and south of the cloud, causing congestion as planes tried to squeeze through remaining routes. Some connections were canceled entirely because of an offshoot of the main cloud that was snaking its way from Portugal through Spain, southern France and northern Italy, then up to Germany, the Czech Republic and Austria. Eurocontrol, the Brussels-based agency that coordinates air traffic control centers throughout the continent, warned airlines to plan on taking on more fuel for the longer flight around the North Atlantic no-fly zone.

It said there would be approximately 24,500 flights within the European area Sunday, about 500 below average for this time of year. It said the ash cloud hovering over the continent was expected to dissipate and that most of the closed airports were likely to reopen later Sunday.

Daniel Gerstgrasser, a meteorologist with Switzerland's national weather agency, said rain would help wash out the cloud by Monday morning and no further ash drifts were expected to reach the continent in the coming 24 hours. Longer-term forecasts were less clear. Meteorologists say that until Eyjafjallajokul (pronounced ay-yah-FYAH-lah-yer-kuhl), the volcano in southern Iceland, stops erupting, the future course of Europe's ash crisis will depend heavily on the prevailing winds. The eruption of the glacier-capped volcano has shown no signs of stopping since it began belching ash April 13. It last erupted from 1821 to 1823.

Irish airline Aer Lingus apologized to its customers for a string of flight cancellations since Tuesday, when the ash threat returned to Irish air space after a two-week break. Its trans-Atlantic services to Boston and New York were operating Sunday subject to delays.

United Airlines canceled four

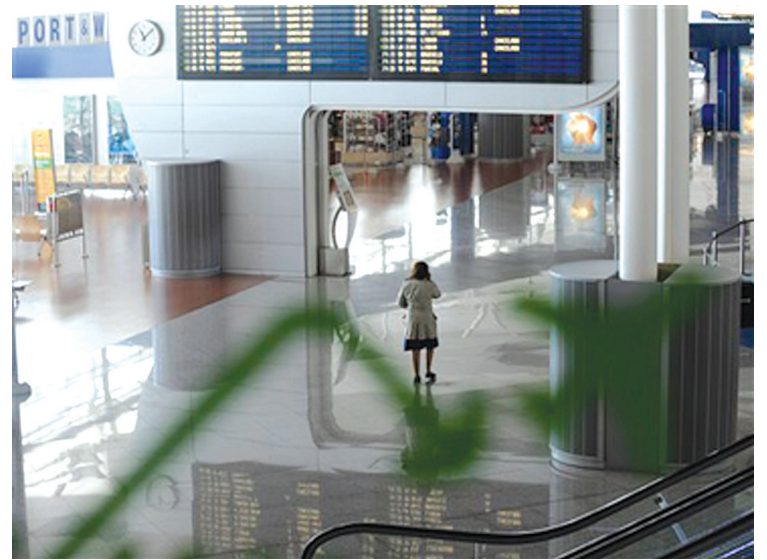
flights from Rome, Geneva and Zurich to Chicago and Washington. Other trans-Atlantic flights were operating with an average delay of two hours, said spokeswoman Megan McCarthy.

European carriers including British Airways, Germany's Lufthansa and Air France reported delays but no cancellations on trans-Atlantic flights.

Budget airline easyJet stopped all connections to and from its hub in Geneva while Portuguese airports reported 223 cancellations at Porto and Lisbon. Like many airlines, easyJet was using the short messaging platform Twitter to update passengers on the latest developments.

Air space in northern Italian was closed for six hours Sunday, and although Milan's two airports were among those coming under the no-fly zone, other airports heavily used by tourists and Italians for weekend trips, such as Rome's airports and Venice's Marco Polo airport, remained open.

Alitalia said Milan's Malpensa



An unidentified airport employee walks away through the empty check area inside Sa Carneiro Airport in Porto, Portugal, Sunday, May 9, 2010. Dozens of flights in France, Italy and Portugal were cancelled Sunday as airspace was closed because of an ash cloud drifting over from a volcano in Iceland that caused major air travel chaos last month. In Portugal, all flights to and from the northern city of Porto were suspended.

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airport quickly geared up to resume flights to New York, Tokyo and Moscow. It said the great majority of passengers who couldn't fly out during the six-hour shutdown would be accommodated on flights later on Sunday.

Iberia canceled some flights to Germany and to and from

regional airports in the north of the country including Bilbao, Valladolid, Salamanca and Burgos. Switzerland's national carrier canceled one trans-Atlantic route from Zurich to Washington and 21 others to destinations in Europe because of airport closures in Italy and Germany. □



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In this image from video workers look through the wreckage of a surface building at the Rospadskaya coal mine in western Siberia Sunday May 9 2010 after two explosions in which at least 11 workers died and another 41 were injured, according to an emergency services ministry official.

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12 dead, 83 trapped after blasts hit Russian mine

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MOSCOW (AP) — Rescue workers scrambled to save 83 people trapped in Russia's largest underground coal mine after two explosions killed at least 12 people and injured dozens more, officials said. Among those still trapped early Monday were rescue workers who had entered the Siberian mine after the first blast. A high level of methane gas after Sunday's second, more powerful blast raised fears of further explosions and prevented more rescuers from going into the mine for the rest of the day. Only early Monday was the first rescue team sent down to try to bring out five miners whose location had been established, said Valery Korchagin, a spokesman for the Emergency Ministry. It was not clear, however, whether the miners were still alive, he said.

The second explosion destroyed the main air shaft and all of the mine's above-ground structures, the governor of the Siberian region of Kemerovo told Prime Minister Vladimir Putin during a meeting with emergency officials, according to a government transcript. More than 500 emergency workers from around the country struggled throughout the day to ventilate the mine and rebuild mine shafts so the search for those trapped could resume, Korchagin said by telephone from Kemerovo, about 2,000 miles (3,000 kilometers) east of Moscow.

By late Sunday, it was still too dangerous to enter the mine because of high levels of methane gas, said Emergency Minister Sergei Shoigu, who flew to the scene from Moscow to take charge of the operation. "Now we have to do everything possible to avoid a third explosion," the state news agency RIA Novosti quoted him as telling miners' families.

Shoigu said emergency workers had identified two areas where those trapped were most likely to be and promised to send in rescuers as soon

as an opportunity appeared.

The first blast, believed to have been caused by methane, hit the Rospadskaya mine just before midnight Saturday and the second about 3½ hours later. There were 359 workers below ground at the time of the first explosion, the Emergency Ministry said. A total of 58 people were injured.

Most managed to get out, but after the second blast, 64 miners and 19 rescue workers were trapped underground and all communication with them was lost, Shoigu said earlier during the meeting with Putin, parts of which were televised.

"It's clear the situation is difficult," Putin said "We could even say very difficult, tragic. Dozens of people remain in the mine. ... Their fate is unknown. And the saddest thing is that additional rescuers cannot be sent into the mine right away."

He ordered emergency workers to use all means available to ventilate the mine as quickly as possible.

The mine is 500 meters deep and has 370 kilometers (220 miles) of underground tunnels, said Aman Tuleyev, the Kemerovo governor.

The Rospadskaya mine produces about 8 million tons (8.8 million short tons) of coal a year, according to the company's website.

There was no immediate information on what set off the blast. Mine explosions and other industrial accidents are common in Russia and other former Soviet republics, and are often blamed on inadequate implementation of safety precautions by companies or by workers themselves.

In December, nine people were killed in an explosion at an iron-ore mine in the Urals Mountains region that was blamed on faulty transportation of explosives.

The deadliest explosion in Russia's coal mines in decades occurred in March 2007, when 110 miners were killed in Kemerovo. □

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Mexico extradites ex-gov. to U.S. on drug charges

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico has extradited a former state governor to the United States to face charges of helping smuggle cocaine through Cancun to the U.S., in a high-profile demonstration of the nation's increased willingness to extradite suspects as it battles surging drug violence.

Mario Villanueva, governor of the Caribbean state of Quintana Roo from 1993 to 1999, was in U.S. custody on Sunday, a day after authorities handed him over, Mexico's Attorney General's Office said in a statement.

Meanwhile two young men were found murdered near the Pacific beach city of Zihuatanejo, and federal police in Morelia were searching for attackers who shot and killed an officer while he was eating at a taco stand.

Villanueva is charged in

New York federal court with helping the Juarez cartel smuggle hundreds of tons of Colombian cocaine to the U.S.

He is the 326th suspect Mexico has sent to the U.S. under President Felipe Calderon, who stepped up the extraditions as part of increased cooperation in the fight against drug trafficking. But he is the first former governor to be extradited.

Villanueva "gave orders to allow shipments of cocaine to be unloaded and stored in ranches in Quintana Roo, to be later sent to the neighboring country by land or air," the Attorney General's office said.

Villanueva was convicted in Mexico of money laundering and sentenced to six years in prison. He was released in 2007, but immediately re-arrested on the U.S. extradition request.

Washington has supported Calderon's military-led

offensive against drug cartels with equipment and training under the \$1.3 billion Merida Initiative.

Several top drug lords have been arrested or killed since Calderon deployed tens of thousands of troops and federal police across the country. But gang violence has surged, claiming more than 22,700 lives in the past three years.

Also Sunday, Mexican police were investigating the killings of a teenager and a young man whose bodies were found tortured near the beachside resort of Zihuatanejo, about 150 miles northwest of Acapulco.

Guerrero state police released a statement Sunday that said the victims, discovered by relatives, were 17 and 21 years old. Neither a suspect nor a motive had been determined.

The U.S. State Department warned this week that parts of southern Guerrero



The former governor of Quintana Roo state, Mario Villanueva, center, is arrested moments after he was released from the maximum security prison of El Altiplano in Almoloya de Juarez, Mexico, in this June 21, 2007 file photo.

Associated Press

state could be dangerous for travelers due to drug violence, and on Saturday, police said eight people were found murdered outside Acapulco.

In the central city of Morelia, federal police said

an officer was shot and killed while having dinner with a colleague at a taco stand.

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'Iron Man 2' blasts past original with \$133.6M



In this film publicity image released by Paramount Pictures, Gwyneth Paltrow, left, and Robert Downey Jr. are shown in a scene is shown from, 'Iron Man 2.'

(AP Photo/Paramount Pictures, Francois Duhamel)

By DERRIK J. LANG,
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tony Stark piloted to the top of the box office but not the record books.

"Iron Man 2," the sequel starring Robert Downey Jr. as Marvel's gadget-happy billionaire superhero, earned \$133.6 million domestically on its opening weekend, according to distributor Paramount Pictures' estimates Sunday. The opening rocketed past the original \$98.6 million debut in 2008 and landed the record as the fifth-biggest opening weekend. "We're thrilled with the combination of the way it's playing across the board," said Don Harris, Paramount's vice president of distribution. "It's playing as a fanboy movie, but it's also playing as family movie, too. I even know a bunch of people who are planning to take their mothers to see 'Iron Man 2' on Mother's Day, which really made me chuckle."

"Iron Man 2" has taken in \$194 million overseas since it debuted in many international markets last week, bringing its worldwide total to over \$327 million. While Hollywood

blockbusters typically open around the same date in most countries, some get an overseas jump of a week or more on their U.S. debuts. The biggest opening came from China with \$7.3 million.

"It's a perfect kickoff to the summer of 2010," said Paul Dergarabedian, box office analyst for Hollywood.com. "It literally sets the tone for the entire summer movie season. To have the fifth biggest opening week of all time certainly sends a message that this summer season is going to make its mark. Audiences really do get caught up in that."

The victory of "Iron Man 2," which is only available in 2-D, comes at time when 3-D films like "Avatar" and "Alice in Wonderland" have recently dominated the box office. IMAX chairman and president Greg Foster said the \$10.2 million earned by "Iron Man 2" from IMAX theaters set IMAX's 2-D record, beating out the \$8.5 million debut of "Star Trek" last year.

"I think people recognize IMAX is the way to see blockbuster titles, whether it's a 2-D or 3-D movie," he said.

The film continues the

story of Stark, a genius industrialist who builds metal suits loaded with gadgets. In the follow-up, the superhero employs the assistance of his longtime friend and fellow crime fighter James Rhodes, played by Don Cheadle, to battle baddies such as Whiplash, a nasty villain with his own high-tech arsenal, played by Mickey Rourke.

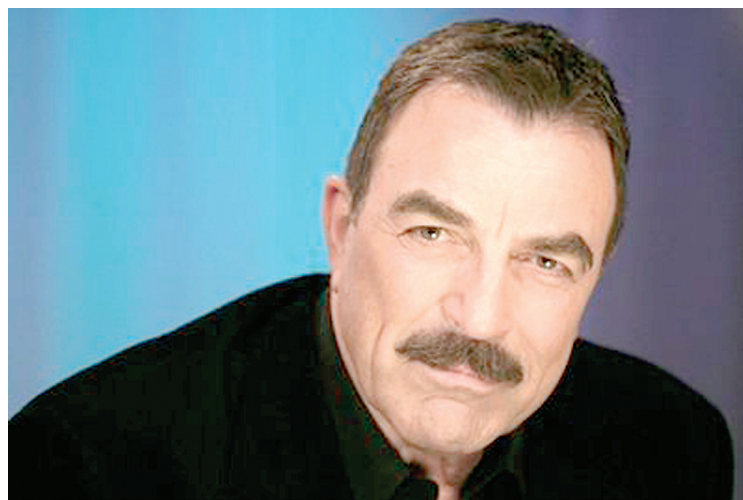
"When we opened the original 'Iron Man,' it seemed to be one of the lesser known properties in the Marvel galaxy," said Paramount's Harris. "Two years later, it's one of the most beloved characters. I think the people at Marvel are incredibly bullish about how future 'Iron Man' movies might do and how 'Iron Man' interacts with their other characters."

Despite the triumph over its predecessor, "Iron Man 2" didn't best the \$158.4 million bow of "The Dark Knight" in 2008 or the \$151.1 million debut of "Spider-Man 3" in 2007. It also didn't surpass last year's \$142.8 million dawn of "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" or the \$135.6 million course charted by "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" in 2006.

"Iron Man 2" was untouchable at this weekend's box office though. The previous weekend's No. 1 movie, the Warner Bros. remake of "A Nightmare on Elm Street," fell to No. 2 with \$9.1 million, clawing to a total of \$48.5 million. DreamWorks Animation's "How to Train Your Dragon" remained at No. 3 with \$6.7 million, bringing its seven-week total to \$201 million.

"Babies," the Focus Features documentary that tracks four tots during the first year of their lives, was the only other new release, debuting in 534 theaters at the No. 10 spot with \$1.5 million. Hollywood.com's Dergarabedian said "Babies" could continue to crawl along this summer as an alternative to flicks like "Robin Hood" and "Prince of Persia." □

Selleck's new Stone TV film honors late author



Actor Tom Selleck poses for a portrait in New York, Wednesday, May 5, 2010.

(AP Photo/Jeff Christensen)

By LYNN ELBER,
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Tom Selleck's sixth turn for CBS as lawman Jesse Stone is bittersweet: The movie is airing less than five months after the death of Robert Parker, the novelist who created Stone.

"Jesse Stone: No Remorse" (9-11 p.m. EDT Sunday) is dedicated to Parker. The author wasn't involved with the production but saw the finished TV movie before his heart attack in January, Selleck said. He gave it his blessing, as he had the other Stone films.

"I don't want to hype what Bob said about the show, but he said really wonderful things and he didn't always feel that way about characters" adapted from his novels, the actor said. "He is — I still talk in the present tense about him — he was something of a curmudgeon. Praise did not come easy."

Selleck recalled Parker telling he had shed tears of joy when he saw "Stone Cold," the first CBS movie based on his work, because he felt "the spirit of the storytelling was captured."

The actor has long admired Parker's novels, including his sharp dialogue. Stone's flaws — he's bedeviled by women and drinking — drew Selleck to the first movie and have kept him hooked.

In "Jesse Stone: No Remorse," Stone is moonlighting on a serial murder case in Boston after being suspended from his job as police chief of Paradise, Mass. Kathy Baker, Kohl Sudduth, William Devane and William Sadler co-star in the TV movie.

Parker's friendship and sense of humor are missed by Selleck, but he's not saying goodbye to Stone. A seventh movie for CBS has been completed and work is under way on No. 8.

The former "Magnum, P.I." star could find himself back full-time on a series if CBS picks up "Reagan's Law," about a New York Irish-American family dedicated to law enforcement. Selleck, cast as the patriarch and city's police chief, said he's optimistic the drama will end up on the network's schedule. Whether it does or not, he doesn't plan to say goodbye to the small-town cop in his life.

"I told CBS I won't do this (the series) at the expense of Jesse Stone. If it's either-or, I'd rather do Jesse," Selleck said. □



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EU ministers work on euro rescue plan

By ELENA BECATOROS
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Associated Press Writers

BRUSSELS — European Union finance ministers were considering a euro500 billion (\$645 billion) defense package for the embattled euro, hoping it will suffice to keep markets from targeting the eurozone's weaker members, EU sources said late Sunday.

Rushing to finalize an agreement before Asian markets officially open Monday, the ministers were discussing an aid plan that would have the EU Commission make euro60 billion (\$75 billion) available while countries from the 16-nation eurozone and the IMF would combine with a promise to back bilateral loans and

guarantees for up to euro440 billion (\$570 billion).

Spanish Finance Minister Elena Salgado, speaking as she arrived for an emergency meeting of the European Union's finance ministers in Brussels, said they were determined to safeguard the currency used by 16 of the EU's 27 member states. The euro has come under increasing pressure since the financial meltdown of one of its members, Greece.

France and Germany, the two largest members of the eurozone, agreed on measures to resolve the European financial crisis, according to a two-sentence statement from French President Nicolas Sarkozy's office Sunday.

But Britain sought to maintain

a clear monetary line between the problems of the euro and its cherished pound.

"I am very, very clear that if there is a proposal to create a stability fund for the euro, that has got to be a matter for the euro-group countries," British Chancellor Alastair Darling told the BBC. "What we can't do is to provide support for the euro. That has got to be for those countries that use the euro."

The ministers hoped to announce a deal before trading opened in Asia, if a qualified majority of the 27 EU finance ministers sign on.

Sarkozy's office said he spoke with President Barack Obama and the two leaders agreed on "the need for a large-scale response to the current



From Left, French Finance Minister Christine Lagarde, European Investment Bank President Philippe Maystadt, Belgian Finance Minister Didier Reynders, Luxembourg's Economy Minister Luc Frieden, Greek Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou, Slovenian Finance Minister Franc Krizanic, and Austrian Finance Minister Josef Proell speak during an emergency meeting of EU finance ministers in Brussels, Sunday, May 9, 2010. EU finance ministers meet in Brussels on Sunday to discuss establishing a new 'stabilisation mechanism' to prevent the Greek debt crisis from spreading.

(AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)

disorders that are affecting the markets."

The EU's slow response to the crisis and its failure to keep Greece from reaching the brink of bankruptcy triggered slides in the euro and global stocks last week, and intensified fears the crisis would spread to other countries with shaky finances such as Spain and Portugal.

"We are going to defend the euro," said Salgado, who presided over the Brussels meeting.

"We have to give more stability to our currency ... We will do whatever is necessary" to reach agreement.

EU sources have said the measures could involve extending a euro50 billion financial support facility that has already been available to some EU nations outside of the eurozone and bringing the ceiling up to euro110 billion. There also has been talk about a system of loan guarantees. Some economists have urged the European Central Bank to support the bond market by buying government bonds. Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet said last week the bank did not discuss such a step

at its Thursday meeting but stood ready to take unspecified additional measures if appropriate.

Ministers are pushing to have something approved by the time stock markets open Monday because vague promises have been unable to calm market turmoil over the past weeks.

"We need to make progress today because in the night, when the markets are opening, we cannot afford disappointments," said Swedish Finance Minister Anders Borg.

"We now see herd behaviors in the markets that are really pack behaviors, wolf pack behaviors," he said. If unchecked, "they will tear the weaker countries apart. So it is very important that we now make progress."

Some eurozone nations blamed the fragile governments and a lack of European cooperation for the crisis.

"I'm against putting all the blame on speculation," said Austrian Finance Minister Josef Proell. "Speculation is only successful against countries that have mismanaged their finances for years." □

White House sees no cyber attack on Wall Street

By DANIEL WAGNER,
AP Business Writer

WASHINGTON — The White House's homeland security and counterterrorism adviser says there is no evidence that a cyber attack was behind the chaos that shook Wall Street last Thursday.

John Brennan told "Fox News Sunday" that officials have uncovered no links suggesting that cyber attacks caused turbulence that sent the Dow Jones industrials plunging almost 1,000 points before staging a partial recovery at the end of the day.

The market already was weak because of the spreading European debt crisis. Some have speculated that a typographical error might have triggered the massive computerized sell-off.

Regulators and market officials are scouring millions of trades to understand what caused the volatility. The Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission are relying on self-regulatory offices at the New York Stock Exchange and elsewhere to help them identify questionable trades.

In a joint statement Friday, the SEC and CFTC identified one possible cause for Thursday's

plunge: Conflicting trading rules for different markets. Markets generally write and enforce their own varying rules, under the oversight of the SEC and CFTC.

The SEC will meet Monday with representatives from major exchanges, according to Joe Ratterman, CEO of BATS Global Markets, one of the largest U.S. trading networks. Ratterman said Friday that SEC officials called him at his Kansas City, Mo., office late Thursday and again on Friday seeking information on the unusual trading. BATS had to cancel 540 trades.

New York Stock Exchange Euronext CEO Duncan Niederauer told CNBC on Friday that his exchange canceled 4,000 trades. Nasdaq declined to give a number. Direct Edge, the third-largest U.S. exchange, reviewed some of the 10 million trades made Thursday and found 2,000 that had to be canceled.

Nasdaq OMX Group and NYSE Euronext in a joint statement Sunday said they are committed to working closely with each other, the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulators to determine the cause of Thursday's market plunge and develop effective ways to make the markets more stable. □

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Oakland's Braden is perfect against Rays

By The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Dallas Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in major league history, a dazzling performance for the Athletics in a 4-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday. Braden threw his arms in the air after Gabe Kapler grounded out to shortstop for the final out. It was the majors' first perfect game since Mark Buehrle did it for the White Sox against the Rays on July 23, and the second no-hitter this season after Colorado's Ubaldo Jimenez pulled it off in Atlanta on April 17.

Braden pitched the A's first perfect game since Hall of Famer Jim "Catfish" Hunter's gem on May 8, 1968, against the Minnesota Twins. Only 6,298 were there to witness it. Sunday's crowd at the Coliseum wasn't much better: 12,228.

Braden (4-2) wasn't fazed by anything, throwing two-strike changeups and getting quick outs against a Rays team that lost on the road for just the third time this year. He struck out six in the 109-pitch performance, throwing 77 strikes in his 53rd career



Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Dallas Braden, right, is hugged by his grandmother Peggy Lindsey, of Stockton, Calif., after Braden's perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays after a baseball game in Oakland, Calif. Sunday, May 9, 2010. Braden pitched the 19th perfect game in major league history, a dazzling performance for the Athletics in a 4-0 victory over the Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

Associated Press

Clark wins ends PGA Tour drought at TPC Sawgrass

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Florida (AP) — After 204 tournaments and eight second-place finishes, Tim Clark finally got his breakthrough victory on the PGA Tour with a record comeback to clinch The Players Championship on Sunday.

Clark played the final 26 holes without a bogey. He set a Stadium Course record with the largest 36-hole comeback. And with an 8-foot par putt on the final hole for a 5-under 67, he no longer had the distinction as the richest player in the field without a PGA Tour victory.

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Tim Clark of South Africa kisses The Players Championship trophy Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Clark won with 16 under 272.

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start.

Before Sunday, the crafty lefty had made more of a name for himself for his enraged reaction to Alex Rodriguez walking across the mound back on April 22, when he beat Yankees.

Indians 7, Tigers 4

CLEVELAND (AP)—Andy Marte(notes) drove in three runs, Mark Grudzielanek had three hits and two RBIs and the Indians snapped a five-game skid while ending a 10-game losing streak to Detroit. Magglio Ordonez had two hits and two RBIs for Detroit, which couldn't overcome another rough outing by Max Scherzer. Austin Jackson(notes) had two hits and scored twice.

Grudzielanek hit a tiebreaking RBI single off Max Scherzer (1-3) in the fifth and singled in another run in the seventh to make it 6-4. Marte added a sacrifice fly for the final run. Chris Perez, the Indians' fifth pitcher, worked the ninth for his fifth save.

Mitch Talbot (4-2) allowed four runs over five innings for his fourth win in five starts.

Blue Jays 9, White Sox 7

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Tyler Farrar of the United States celebrates on the podium after winning the second stage of the Giro d'Italia, Tour of Italy cycling race, from Amsterdam to Utrecht, the Netherlands, Sunday, May 9, 2010.

Associated Press

Farrar wins 2nd stage of Giro after sprint finish

BRUCE MUTSVAIRO

Associated Press Writer

UTRECHT, Netherlands (AP) — Tyler Farrar made a late charge to win the second stage of the Giro d'Italia in a sprint finish on Sunday, while Cadel Evans took the overall leader's pink jersey. The American rider recovered from being involved in a crash earlier in the race to win the 130-mile stage in 4 hours, 56 minutes, 46 seconds. Matthew Goss of Australia was second and Fabio Sabatini of Italy was third. "I am so happy," Farrar said. "It's beautiful. My goal was to win a stage. I have done that. Now I will try to win another stage." Evans overtook the pink jersey from prologue winner Bradley Wiggins, who also fell in a mass crash but continued. Farrar is one second behind in second place overall. A three-man group including Paul Voss, Stephano Pirazzi and Rick Flens made an early breakaway, maintaining their lead until Voss launched a brief solo surge about 320 miles from the finishing line. □

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NBA Playoffs

Suns sweep Spurs to reach Western finals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Steve Nash scored 20 points and played with a right eye that was swollen shut as Phoenix completed a 4-0 sweep over San Antonio in the Western Conference semifinals with a 107-101 win Sunday night. Nash's right eye needed six stitches after taking an errant elbow from Tim Duncan. Amare Stoudemire led the way with 29 points to help the Suns get past the Spurs in the playoffs for the first time in five attempts. It continued one of the more remarkable stories of the playoffs. Three months after Phoenix was on the brink of trading Stoudemire and calling it a season, the Suns are returning to the West finals for the first time since 2006. Celtics 97, Cavaliers 87

At Boston, Rajon Rondo had 29 points, 18 rebounds and 13 assists as the Celtics beat Cleveland to level their Eastern Conference semifinals series at two games apiece. Rondo had a playoff career high in rebounds and matched his best scoring night in his fourth postseason triple-double. He played 47 minutes with some of his bigger-name teammates in foul trouble. Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett scored 18 apiece for the Celtics, who rebounded from the worst home playoff loss in franchise history and ensured they'll get at least one more game at home. Game 5 is Tuesday night in Cleveland before the series returns to Boston on Thursday night. LeBron James scored 22 points

Boston Celtics guard Rajon Rondo (9) drives to the basket against Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, right, during the fourth quarter of Game 4 in a second-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Boston. Rondo had 29 points as the Celtics won 97-87, tying the series. At rear are Cavaliers Anthony Parker (18) and Anderson Varejao, of Brazil.

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— only one more than he had in the first quarter of Game 3 — and seemed frustrated during a seven-turnover performance. Shaquille O'Neal added 17 points, his high for this postseason, but was on the bench when the Celtics blew by the Cavaliers in the fourth quarter. □

.Henin, Sharapova KO'd out of Madrid Masters

MADRID (AP) — Former top-ranked players Justine Henin and Maria Sharapova crashed out in the first round at the Madrid Masters on Sunday. Aravane Rezai of France beat Henin 4-6, 7-5, 6-0, and Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic defeated Sharapova 6-4, 6-3. Henin said she had not fully recovered after falling ill following her win at the Porsche Grand Prix in Stuttgart last weekend, her first title since coming out of retirement. "Madrid has been a difficult experience this year and I hope that next year will be better," she said.

Sharapova battled back from a poor start to

level the first set at 4-4 before Safarova took control by winning the last six games of the match. "It's a struggle trying to find the rhythm," said Sharapova. "I thought she played really solid, good tennis and did everything she needed to win the match. More solid than me anyway." Fourth-seeded Venus Williams downed Swiss qualifier Stefanie Voegele 6-4, 6-2. On the men's side, ninth-seeded David Ferrer beat Jeremy Chardy of France 6-3, 7-6 (2). Ivo Karlovic of Croatia topped Evgeny Korolev of Kazakhstan 6-4, 7-6 (5) to set up a second-round match with sixth-seeded Fernando Verdasco. Juan Monaco of Argentina beat Simon Greul of Germany 6-1, 6-1. □



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NHL Playoffs

Luongo rebounds and so do Canucks



Vancouver Canucks' Kevin Bieksa, right, controls the puck against Chicago Blackhawks' Dave Bolland during the first period of Game 5 of an NHL hockey Western Conference second-round playoff series Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Chicago.

Associated Press

By RICK GANO

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Kevin Bieksa scored two goals, Roberto Luongo made 29 saves Sunday night and the Vancouver Canucks beat the Chicago Blackhawks 4-1 to stay alive in the Western Conference semifinals.

Chicago leads the series 3-2 and now it heads back to Vancouver — where the Blackhawks captured Games 3-4 — for Game 6 on Tuesday

night.

Vancouver, which gave up four power-play goals in a 7-4 loss in Game 4 on Friday night, played a more disciplined game based on speed. And the Canucks got the kind of performance they needed from Olympic gold medalist Luongo following three straight losses to the Blackhawks.

Christian Ehrhoff opened the scoring for the Canucks, just 59 seconds into the game,

quickly quieting the crowd at the United Center who had hoped to see the Blackhawks make the conference finals for a second straight season.

The series winner will face San Jose.

Chicago finally scored with just more than 7 minutes left when Jonathan Toews tipped in a long shot from between the circles by Duncan Keith. Alex Burrows added an empty-netter for the Canucks with 44.6 seconds left.

Ehrhoff's long slapper from the right point just inside the blue line eluded a screened Antti Niemi to give the Canucks the early lead.

Luongo then stopped a shot by Toews from close-in at the left circle and also denied Patrick

Sharp with Tomas Kopecky trying to screen the goalie.

Vancouver fought off a power play and Luongo was sharp, stopping a shot by Marian Hossa, his rebound attempt and then another attempt as he was skating in from the side. Bieksa was cutting to the crease and took a pretty pass from Kyle Wellwood, who was in the right circle, and got the puck under Niemi's glove for a 2-0 lead at 14:24 of the opening period. Bieksa's second goal came on a power play in the second period, a one-timer from deep in the left circle that got by Niemi with Burrows screening.

Canucks defenseman Sami Salo was injured late in the first period after apparently

being hit by a puck. He did not return.

Salo apparently blocked a last-second slap shot from Keith in the opening period and went down in pain near the goal. He stayed on the ice for several moments after the period ended. He was able to finally get up and still doubled over, he was helped into the locker room.

Vancouver's Shane O'Brien left briefly after he was cut by Dustin Byfuglien's stick in the second period, but was able to return after taking stitches.

Luongo made another stellar save 3 minutes into the second, turning away Sharp from point-blank after he took a nice pass from Hossa following a Canucks' turnover. □

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The scoreboard shows the final outcome of Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Dallas Braden's perfect game against the Tampa Bay Rays after a baseball game in Oakland, Calif. on Sunday, May 9, 2010. Braden had the 19th perfect game in major league history, as the Athletics won 4-0.

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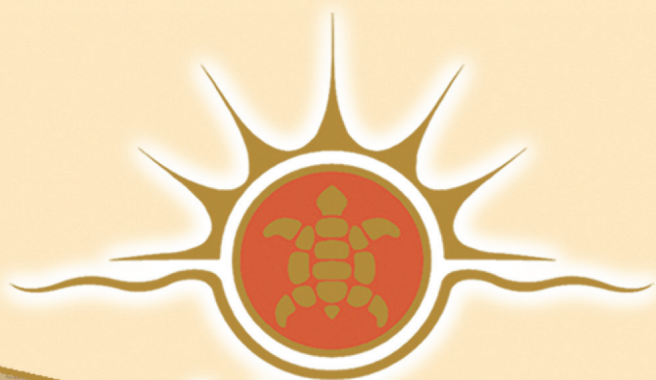
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"A part of me is a bit disappointed because now no one is going to talk about me anymore," the 34-year-old South African said. "At least you had something to write about before. Now I'm just another guy with a win." Not quite.

Regarded among the best without a PGA Tour title, Clark shed that label by beating the best field in golf as he closed with a 16-under 272 and earned \$1.71 million after holding off Australia's Robert Allenby by one stroke.

He made four birdies around the turn to surge past Lee Westwood and Allenby, steadied himself on the scary island-green 17th for a par then finished off his amazing weekend with a demonstrative fist pump when his par putt fell.

"I did all I could there," Clark said. "That's as good as I could have played."

He needed every shot on a course with greens that were crisp, firm and pale yellow. The average score was nearly three shots higher than it was for the previous three rounds. Allenby had the best chance to catch him, but he narrowly missed an 18-foot eagle putt on the 16th hole to tie for the lead. His next chance came on the 17th until a 12-foot

birdie putt peaked into the cup and tilted back away. Allenby couldn't make birdie on the tough 18th, and had to settle for a 70.

"For it to go up to the hole and take a little look over the top and then come back, that was a bit rude," Allenby said. "But obviously, the golfing gods were with Tim today, and I can accept that. I did everything that I could possibly do to try and win the tournament."

Tiger Woods managed to create a buzz without even being there most of the day. He withdrew on the seventh hole because of a neck injury that he fears might be from a bulging disk. Woods said his neck has been bothering him since before the Masters.

"I've been playing through it," Woods said. "I can't play through it anymore."

Phil Mickelson could have moved to No. 1 in the world with a victory, but the Masters champion never gave himself a good chance. He made bogey on three of his opening six holes, closed with a 74 and tied for 17th.

Clark won for the fourth time worldwide, yet this was his finest performance. The Players Championship not only is the richest tournament in golf with a \$9.5 million purse, it features one of the strongest and deepest fields.

Clark won with a 66-67

weekend in which he made only one bogey — the 10th hole on Saturday. The 36-hole comeback topped the record of six that Woods set when he won in 2001.

U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover shot 31 on the back, including a 50-foot birdie on the 17th, and wound up third at 14-under 274.

Westwood had the 54-hole lead, just as he did at the Masters, and couldn't hold on. He made one clutch par after another, including a 50-footer on the 15th hole to stay in the game, but his hopes ended with a tee shot into the water on the 17th to make double bogey.

"I just didn't play well enough today," Westwood said.

Westwood shot 39 on the back and fell into a tie for fourth with Davis Love III, whose 68 was one of only two rounds in the 60s. The other belonged to Clark, and it was a beauty.

Clark was three shots behind until knocking in an 18-foot birdie putt on the par-5 ninth, and taking that momentum to the back nine. First came a 6-foot birdie on the 10th, then a tough shot out of the back bunker to 5 feet for birdie on the par-5 11th. He made it four straight birdies with an 18-foot birdie on the 12th to take the lead.

Then came a series of pars, none bigger than the 8-foot



Tiger Woods is driven off the course after a neck injury on the 7th hole during the final round of The Players Championship golf tournament Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

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putt on the final hole while holding a two-shot lead over Allenby and Westwood, who were three holes behind him on the course.

Clark gritted his teeth and slammed his fist in celebration, a familiar seen at The Players Championship. It was the same kind of putt that Adam Scott made to win in 2004, Fred Funk a year later, and Sergio Garcia in 2008 to force a playoff.

Considering it was his first victory on the PGA Tour, it

was all the more meaningful for Clark.

For the first time in his career, Woods went consecutive weeks without making official money. After missing the cut by eight shots last week at Quail Hollow for only the sixth time in his career, Woods was 10 shots behind and already 2 over for the round when he stopped.

He summoned an official for a cart and was whisked away, spending nearly 40 minutes in the physical therapy trailer. □

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Trio of homers send Phillies past Braves, 5-3

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Placido Polanco, Jayson Werth and Shane Victorino homered, Cole Hamels (notes) survived a shaky start and the Philadelphia Phillies' bullpen hung on to beat the Atlanta Braves 5-3 on Sunday.

Hamels (3-2) struggled on a chilly afternoon at Citizens Bank Park, allowing three runs and eight hits in five innings. He walked four and struck out five.

Chad Durbin relieved Hamels and pitched two innings, striking out four of the six batters he faced. Jose Contreras got three outs and Brad Lidge threw a perfect ninth for his first regular-season save since Sept. 20.

Troy Glaus had two hits and two RBIs for the Braves. Kenshin Kawakami (0-6) surrendered five runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Giants 6, Mets 5

NEW YORK (AP)—Aaron Rowand hit a two-run homer in the eighth inning after the Giants blew a two-run lead for Tim Lincecum, and San Francisco snapped the Mets' nine-game home winning streak. San Francisco ended its East Coast trip 4-2, while New York—which won the first two games of the series with game-ending homers—lost for the first time at Citi Field since April 21.

Lincecum left after six innings with a 4-2 lead but the Giants fell apart in the seventh. Jason Bay's wind-aided two-run single off Dan Runzler tied it and David Wright gave New York its first lead with a sacrifice fly.

Rowand homered to right-center after Jenrry Mejia (0-2) issued the Mets' 10th of 11 walks to retake the lead, and Brian Wilson prevented the Mets from making it three last at-bat wins in a row. He got all



Philadelphia Phillies starting pitcher Cole Hamels throws against the Atlanta Braves in the first inning of a baseball game Sunday, May 9, 2010, in Philadelphia.

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five of his outs by strikeout for his seventh save.

Sergio Romo (notes) (1-3) got two outs for the win.

Dodgers 2, Rockies 0

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Clayton Kershaw bounced back from the shortest start of his brief career with eight innings of two-hit ball, leading the Dodgers to the victory.

Kershaw (2-2) held the Rockies to a pair of infield hits—including a bunt single by cleanup hitter Troy Tulowitzki—and picked off Eric Young after walking him with two out in the fifth. The 22-year-old left-hander struck out nine, walked three and fanned five-time All-Star Todd Helton his first three times up.

Last Tuesday, Kershaw retired only four of the 13 batters he faced, lasted just 1 1-3 innings against the Milwaukee

Brewers. He was charged with seven runs during a nine-run second.

Russell Martin homered with two out in the eighth against Matt Daley and Jonathan Broxton allowed two hits in the ninth before picking up his third save in five attempts.

Ubaldo Jimenez (6-1) gave up one run and two hits in seven innings for Colorado.

Tulowitzki left in the bottom of the fifth with a right quad strain.

Reds 5, Cubs 3

CINCINNATI (AP)—Joey Votto hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning to help Mike Leake (notes) and the Reds get the win.

Votto connected on Ryan Dempster's first pitch after he was visited by manager Lou Piniella. The two-out drive was Votto's seventh of the season and handed the

decision to Leake (3-0), who didn't allow a hit until the sixth and finished with seven solid innings.

Francisco Cordero pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 12 opportunities as the Reds capped a 4-2 homestand with their third win in four games. Tyler Colvin hit a two-run homer in the seventh to give Chicago a 3-2 lead, but the Cubs still stumbled to their fourth loss in five games. Dempster (2-3) gave up five runs and six hits in seven innings.

Nationals 3, Marlins 2

WASHINGTON (AP)—Josh Willingham homered in the eighth inning, and Washington reliever Tyler Clippard earned his sixth win of the season.

Willingham hit a 1-1 changeup from Clay Hensley (1-1) into the left-field bullpen for his sixth homer, after Florida's

Jorge Cantu had tied it in the top half with a bases-loaded sacrifice fly.

Clippard (6-0) has two more relief victories than any Washington starter. He entered in the eighth inning and allowed only Cantu's fly ball while escaping a bases-loaded, no-out jam. Matt Capps got the final three outs for his major league-leading 13th save.

Hanley Ramirez homered for the Marlins, who have lost five of six.

Cardinals 11, Pirates 4

PITTSBURGH (AP)—Yadier Molina drove in three runs and St. Louis twice batted around during big innings, handing the Pirates' 12th loss of six runs or more in 31 games.

Adam Wainwright (5-1) gave up two runs and five hits over six innings—the 25th time in 26 starts dating to last season he's lasted at least six and permitted three runs or fewer. He is 16-5 in his last 26 starts.

The Cardinals took advantage of three walks by Paul Maholm (2-3) while sending 10 batters to the plate during a four-run third inning. They put it away by sending 11 to the plate during a five-run sixth.

The Pirates are 10-2 in games decided by two runs or fewer—normally, a sign of a winning club—but they have been blown out in more than one-third of their games.

Brewers 6, Diamondbacks 1

PHOENIX (AP)—Chris Narveson gave up three hits pitching into the sixth inning and drove in a run, helping Milwaukee complete a three-game sweep.

The Brewers, who routed Arizona 17-3 on Saturday night, got homers from Prince Fielder, Casey McGehee and Gregg Zaun to win for the fifth time in six games and finish a 6-4 road trip. □

Giving Hope, Saving Lives:

RBC/RBTT comes to the rescue of children diagnosed with Paediatric Cancer



Renee Butcher, Manager, Sponsorships & Events, RBTT assists this gentleman with the pinning of a paediatric cancer pin during a recent RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund road show in Trinidad.

ORANJESTAD - There can be a happy ending for children afflicted with paediatric cancer. As much as 75% of childhood cancers can be cured and, with a little financial assistance, and the right medical care, children with cancer across the region are being given new leases on life.

Launched in June 2009, the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund assists young persons diagnosed with Paediatric Cancer across the Caribbean - ages sixteen and under - by providing the treatment necessary to overcome the disease. To achieve this goal, RBC/RBTT has partnered with the Cancer Treatment Foundation (CTF) in Trinidad and is committed to an annual contribution of approximately US\$188,000 up to the year 2013.

To date, three children from the region have benefited from the Cancer Fund. The first is a 16-year-old boy from Grenada diagnosed with Lymphoma—cancer that begins in the lymphatic cells of the immune system and makes it difficult to fight infections.

The second is a 2-year-old

boy from Trinidad and Tobago who was diagnosed with Hepatoblastoma – the most common type of liver cancer in children. At stage four, he had a cancerous tumor ten centimeters in diameter which was accompanied by 17 smaller tumors on his lungs. He underwent a lengthy and rigorous course of chemotherapy which allowed the family a two-week window of opportunity to get him an operation that could save his life.

The London hospital identified required a deposit of approximately US\$39,000. Insurance coverage was low, and despite their best efforts, barbeques, dinners and donations from friends and family were just not enough. “I was in dire straits,” says Maria Corneal, mother of the two year old. “A two week window of eligibility...stage four cancer - the final stage - and I needed US\$39,000 to access the surgery that would save my son's life.”

In a desperate attempt to achieve what seemed to be impossible, her family was directed to RBTT.

Corneal continued: “It was a traumatic time...My husband and I were living in the hospital with my son and RBTT took the weight off of our shoulders, and reassured us that everything would be okay...and they did it in record time! My biggest, biggest joy was the peace of mind they gave to me. RBTT fought tooth and nail and did a lot of work to expedite things. We got a cheque in hand at the airport before we boarded our plane to London.”

Today, Corneal's son is cancer free. She says: “I have to drink coffee and coke to keep up with him!”

This month, a 7-year old girl from the Bahamas diagnosed with Osteogenic Sarcoma- one of the most common types of bone cancer in children- will undergo surgery. With the help of the Cancer Fund, a doctor will be flown from the United States to the Bahamas to perform the operation. All treatment costs will be covered.

Apart from its own contributions, RBTT is committed to raising additional funds to fight paediatric cancer. RBTT employees across the region continue to get involved



Even the youngsters got involved in the recent RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund Road Show held recently in Trinidad. At centre is Cory Ammon, Manager, Merchandising, RBTT.



The team at a recent road show in Trinidad for the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund included, from left: Renee Butcher, Manager, Sponsorships & Events, RBTT; Cory Ammon, Manager, Merchandising, RBTT; Savina Ramkissoon, General Manager, Cancer Treatment Foundation; Adanna Le Gendre, Manager, Corporate Responsibility, RBTT; Nadine Seepersad-Hackett, Director, Cancer Treatment Foundation; Anna Maria Kurbanali, Regional Manager, Corporate Responsibility, RBTT.

and host fund-raisers to support the Cancer Fund which, when coupled with donations from the public, amounted to approximately US\$77,500 as at March 31st, 2010.

“The emotional and financial burden of paediatric cancer is enormous,” said Suresh Sookoo, CEO of the RBTT Financial Group. “It is imperative that a child receives prompt and specific treatment, which can be complex and costly. The greater the contributions to the Fund, the more children we can rescue from this dreadful affliction.”

Throughout the months of April

and May, RBTT will be taking its Ribbons of Hope fundraising and awareness campaign to various locations throughout Trinidad & Tobago.

During Childhood Cancer Awareness month in September, RBTT will launch a Regional Children's Art Competition for children aged 16 and under. Winning submissions will be used to create RBTT 2010 Christmas Cards, which will be sold in aid of the Cancer Fund. For more information on the RBC/RBTT Caribbean Children's Cancer Fund, visit the website at: www.rbtt.com/givehopesavelives/.

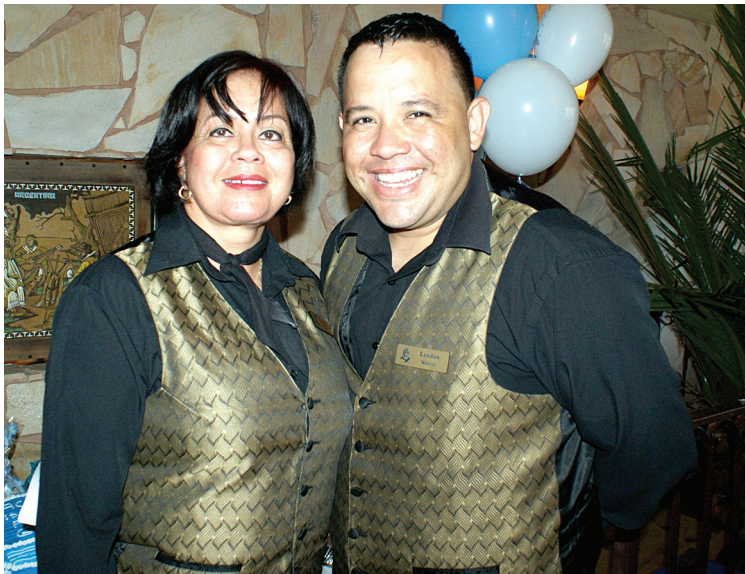


At El Gaucho Argentine Grill

Joshua Barendregt Enjoys a Holy Communion Party



ORANJESTAD – Friends at family members of the bright 9 year old Joshua Barendregt got together at El Gaucho Argentine Grill for his Holy Communion lunch party



offered by his Dad Jerome, Mom Marlene and sister Zoey.



It was a truly stress-free experience, as the professional team of El Gaucho made it all happen, from appetizers to dessert, making the party in the private, fully air-

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Marriott Sales Team Host Farewell Luncheon For Karin Swiers



PALM BEACH – On Saturday May 8th, Aruba Marriott's Sales, Marketing & Reservations and close friends said their goodbyes to Karin Swiers at Divi Links' restaurant Mulligan's. Karin Swiers served at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino as Marketing Communications Manager for nearly 2,5 years. Karin joined the Aruba Marriott in 2005 as the Public Relations Manager and has built the Marketing and PR department as it is



today. During her five years with Marriott, Karin focused her efforts on local press, international media requests, television and radio promotions, e-commerce, social media and local advertising. She has been instrumental during the resort's \$50 million renovation and creatively executed marketing efforts for the Aruba Marriott. Her personality and dedication

has resulted in successful PR ideas and stunts, which for many will remain memorable. At the farewell luncheon, Karin received many Aruba gifts, for her to remember her beloved Aruba Dushi Tera. Karin will truly be missed in Aruba and the Aruba Marriott team wishes her all the best as she takes up a new adventure in the Netherlands. Bon voyage Karin. □

~ Photos by Julia Renfro ~



Meet Master Cigar Roller Julieta Vieira at the Cigar Emporium



ORANJESTAD -- It has been said that cigar rolling isn't really a skill, but rather an art. Julieta Vieira brings that art to Aruba, directly from Cuba, as a guest of the Cigar Emporium she is conducting professional cigar rolling demonstrations, and showing the entire cigar making process, live, at the Renaissance Mall.

Cigar aficionados can watch her work how she squeezes the supple leaves into a bundle, after removing the center veins, how the layered leaf is then bound with expertly cut leaf-halves, leaving the best, most



flawless leaf for the wrapper; how the floury paste keeps it all together perfectly rolled, not too tight, not too loose, for a just-right draw.

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Unfortunately all flights from the UK were suspended on Saturday, due to that famous



Icelandic volcano eruption, causing the delay of the second group. Nevertheless, those who made it to paradise enjoyed the hospitality of Mulligan's Golf Café Bar & Restaurant for dinner hosted by Lisa Nieuwmeyer Divi and Tamarijn Reservations Manager and Marin Bijl, General Manager.

The chef presented light and delicious menu choices from Beef Carpaccio with Mesclun Salad to Caesar Salad, followed by fresh Mahi Mahi with stir-fried vegetables or Grilled



Tenderloin with Peppercorn Sauce, and a combination of sweets for dessert, chased by the appropriate wines. While on the island the dignitaries

will experience all that it has to offer, then go back to the UK to sell and promote the island enthusiastically, having experienced it all first hand

HUMAN HINTS

Grow Through Challenge

Personal challenge is a necessary part of life, for without it we don't grow. Although we often don't like to admit it, overcoming opposition does make us stronger. The view doesn't change from the plateau, but as we climb, our vision becomes ever more expansive.

Humans thrive on challenge, and we can grow very quickly when forced to. We grow in proportion to the size of the challenge, and our most desperate moments

offer the opportunities for our greatest expansion. Crisis is the most powerful growth accelerator known to Human Kind.

Our spirit-self oversees our physical lives and arranges challenges for us to overcome, based what we can handle and what we agreed to learn when we entered a body. We will never be faced with opposition that we cannot overcome, for then we would be defeating ourselves. You have the

ability to overcome any challenge you face, because you agreed to it ahead of time. If there is a problem, you possess the means to fix it.

Don't concern yourself with the details of HOW you will overcome the challenge. Just know that you agreed to only challenges that you can overcome. If something is too much for you, you will not encounter it.

Overcoming a challenge begins and ends with you. Everyone arranges different challenges for themselves, and everyone handles them differently. You might attempt to sabotage yourself. Be wise enough to see your internal obstacles and be courageous enough to change your self-defeating thoughts and emotions.

Imagine that you have overcome your challenge, and know that your physical life must change to reflect the victory in your mind. It might not happen instantly.

We must be patient with the time delay in three dimensional manifestation. Focused intent and action over time is the key to manifestation.

Like it or not, Humans need challenge in order to grow. Challenges are always opportunities to expand ourselves, and we always have the means to rise to the challenge. We always possess the ability and resources necessary to release whatever obstacle stands before us. We arrange our own challenges because we know they will teach us what we need to learn, and we know that we are capable of overcoming them.

Often, the purpose of the challenge is not for us to know until after we overcome it, but it always has to do with personal growth. The challenges we face today prepare us for tomorrow.

Until Tomorrow...

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~**Quentin Danziger**

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Eagle Beach – The French Steakhouse at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa prides itself on the elegant dining experience it offers patrons. Reminiscent of a 1950s French café, the fully air-conditioned indoor dining room delights diners with its sparkling china, crisp linen, interesting bread baskets, and hand-painted tiles bordering the walls. A gracious staff, colossal desserts, and live jazz performed by Eddy Samson on piano add the perfect touches.

Yet recently the idea of adding a garden spot to the existing blueprint began to sprout in the creative mind of Executive Chef George Hoek, and he immediately recruited the landscapers to create the intimate, lovely setting. Now patrons have another charming dining option at the French Steakhouse—a tropical alfresco courtyard featuring delicious

cuisine under the stars. Diners can choose from the restaurant's famed "Ooh-La-La" menu offerings, including creative appetizers, soups, salads, seafood dishes, poultry, and the pièce de résistance—South American and USDA beef specialties.

Among other popular appetizers, the chef's Tropical Crab Cakes with pineapple-mango salsa and the Teriyaki-Glazed Seared Duck Breast served with garden greens and balsamic dressing are real crowd-pleasers. The French Onion Soup is true to the restaurant's roots while the Honey-Glazed Salmon Salad winks at the exotic East with a sweet soy dressing.

Seafood dishes range from the fresh Catch of the Day, prepared according to preference, to the amazingly decadent Caribbean Stuffed Shrimp with Crabmeat and Bacon. The tequila and sweet-chili glaze lends

the jumbo shrimp a pure taste of heaven!

Light eaters will find the Jerk-Curried Chicken Skewers and the Lemon-Herb Broiled Chicken very satisfying while meat-lovers should opt for the restaurant's famous South American Certified Beef Churrasco or a juicy USDA beef selection such as the Charcoal NY Sirloin Steak or the Grilled Filet Mignon. Hungrier patrons will appreciate the Ambassador's 5-Course Menu featuring the run of the regular menu's highlights for just \$34.95 per person.

The French Steakhouse at Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa offers a truly unique dining experience—indoor or out—7 days a week from 5:30 PM to 11 PM. For more information, please visit <http://www.manchebo.com/steakhouse/>

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar reinvents beach cuisine

Eagle Beach – Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa is widely recognized as the home of beach cuisine. Executive Chef George Hoek and his culinary team serve a sun-splashed menu on the oceanfront terrace, raising the restaurant to must-try status. Inspired by American, Mexican, Thai, Jamaican, Cuban, Greek, and Mediterranean kitchens, the menu lists favorite international dishes all served with a tropical, Caribbean flair.

Patrons can choose from a variety of tasty starters, like Wings on Fire and the Fiesta Snack Platter. Pega Pega's Sun-Sational Salads—including the Thai Chicken Salad and the Caribbean



Fruit Symphony—provide a light lunch alternative. From the sandwich board come the Cuban-Pressed Chicken Sandwich, the Grilled Grouper Reuben Sandwich, the Cudarebo Fish Taco, and the Philly Steak Sandwich. Mid-day platters also include vegetarian options and a variety of oversized beef burgers.

Pega Pega's tropical & frozen cocktail list leaves nothing

out. A wide range of frosty beverages—from daiquiris, coladas, margaritas, and fruitrice-cream smoothies to specialty blends like the Yellow Bird, Sex on the Beach, and the Cabuya—pretty much guarantees the perfect refreshing addition to lunch. A daily happy hour featuring live music is a great way to watch the sunset and kick off the evening.

Pega Pega Café & Beach Bar is open on fabulous Eagle Beach every day from noon to 5 PM for lunch and from 11 AM to 11 PM for drinks. Patrons are cordially welcomed to enjoy the unrivaled views, caring service, and relaxed atmosphere of one of Aruba's oldest beach bars.



Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano introduces Menu Turistico



Eagle Beach -- Giorgio's Ristorante Italiano, located at the Manchebo Beach Resort & Spa in the heart of the low-rise hotel area, delivers authentic Mediterranean flavors at a reasonable price in a charming alfresco poolside setting.

The restaurant has just introduced Menu Turistico, a 3-course dinner featuring an appetizer, main course, and dessert for just \$19.95 per person, plus 15% service charge.

Patrons may choose between homemade soup and Caesar salad for the starter; between Fettuccini Alfredo, Lasagna Casarecia, Spaghetti alla Bolognese, and any favorite pizza for the main course; and between tiramisu, cheesecake, and ice cream for the sweet finale.

Of course, the regular menu

continues to offer delicious antipasto and salads, like the Calamari Fritti and the Insalati Bistro; hearty Italian soups; fresh fish dishes, including Salmone Affogato in Bianco; pasta dishes, like the Tortellini alla Gorgonzola; pizzas; meat dishes, like the Fileto Di Bue alla Castellana; decadent desserts, such as the Cream-Filled Cannoli; flavorful coffees; and the finest Italian wines.

Executive Chef George Hoek is the resort's much-appreciated culinary expert. He was the recent recipient of a Lifetime Achievement Shoco Award, presented by the Aruba Hotel & Tourism Association in collaboration with the Digicel Group. The award is a national award of excellence and Aruba's top professional decoration in the hospitality industry.

Open 7 days a week for breakfast and dinner, Giorgio's makes authentic Italian cuisine a reality on Aruba. Patrons are cordially invited to bring a healthy appetite.

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Playa Linda's Hardworking Moms enjoy a fun-filled night out

Brenda Jacobs named "Mother of the Year"



PALM BEACH – Playa Linda Beach Resort treated all of its hardworking moms on a Mother's Day eve celebration of dinner, show and dancing at the Occidental Grand. The night out provided an opportunity

to kickback and enjoy a well-deserved indulgence in the company of colleagues, and accompanied by Playa Linda General Manager Jan van Nes and Financial Director Jan Leysner.

"After all their dedication they demonstrate year round, to both their families as well as to the resort guests, we wanted to demonstrate our appreciation with a Playa Linda's Mother's Day celebration that would be unforgettable," comments GM Jan van Nes.

The occasion of a sumptuous dinner and show at the Occidental perfectly fit the bill, with the evening ending in a dance partly thoroughly enjoyed by all of the hardworking moms working at the Playa Linda. The event also featured a number of raffle prizes, along with the selection of the night's highest honor, the choice of Playa Linda's Mother of the Year. Brenda Jacobs, the mother of four children, with two currently studying in Holland, and two still at home, was the deserving recipient.

"My day started out terribly with two flat tires, but it ended great," she says with a wide smile.

While Brenda was proclaimed the "Mother of the Year", all of the mothers at the Playa Linda are winners for their tremendous amount of heart they display on a daily basis both at home and at work. □





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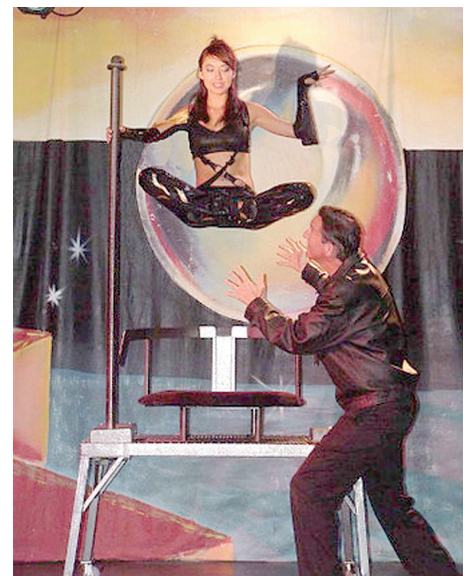
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Bergendal beckons with all its tropical splendor



ORANJESTAD -- With summer vacation on the horizon, a great new destination, just 2.5 hours away, tempts locals and visitors with the promise of a-vacation-of-a-lifetime. Bergendal Eco Culture River Resort in the rainforest of Surinam is now more accessible than ever with direct flights from Aruba to Paramaribo on board Surinam Airways. Going south of the equator usually means avoiding endless immigration lines and body scans, so typical of travel north of the equator!

Best of all, vacation package with Maduro Travel enjoy very affordable pricing, as the airline and resort are featuring all-inclusive combos for Summer 2010.

True to the product, Maduro Travel offices in Tanki Flip and Oranjestad now boast Jungle Décor to complement the ads and promotional materials publicizing the four-day getaway.

Your vacation-of-a-lifetime includes a two-day stay in Paramaribo, a great colonial city legendary for its fantastic food and multicultural diversity, then additional two-days in the rainforest at a new resort located on the Suriname River, just 50 miles from the city.

Bergendal Eco Culture River Resort is a picturesque eco-tourism lodge flaunting a Chill-Out Lounge, restaurants, and an exotic pool area surrounded by primary forest, perfect for kayaking, hiking and jungle canopy tours, which are available to guests.

Instead of settling for the Jungle-Like Disney experience, go for the Real-Thing this year, and show your family members and children, where adventure truly lies, you may even book an overnight in a genuine tree-house!

Guests staying at Bergendal Eco & Cultural River Resort are offered total relaxation, in addition to their

adventurous activities. The atmosphere is luxurious and indulgent, in a place where nature, culture and history meet. The resort is made up of 45 authentic jungle lodges, stylishly decorated with tropical furniture and accents; the jalousie windows and doors allow a tremendous view of the gardens and river. The jungle lodges are air-conditioned, one and two bedrooms suites, with canopy beds, modern bathrooms with hot water, comfortable indoor seating areas, and spacious open balconies with spectacular vistas. All lodges are made of natural materials and incorporate many modern elements and while the ground level river lodges rise from the banks of the mighty Suriname, the pillared-lodges positioned high against the mountain slope, offer a bird's eye view of the rich canopy and tropical surroundings.

Just up the river and a short motorized-

canoe ride away, the adjacent Heritage Village and Adventure Centre, embrace the historical Berg en Dal plantation, listing a wide range of nature and culture oriented hiking trips, river boating adventures, crocodilian cayman spotting trips in the dark, canopy zip lines or basic snoozes hammocks, stretched between tall trees.

As a result of the location, Bergendal guests are fully immersed in the sights and sounds of the jungle, in a 2,400 hectare playground.

And the dining room serves three exquisite buffet-style meals a day designed to elate good food lovers. Naturally, the Jungle Bar pours excellent Borgoe Rum. You will be moved to buy a bottle for your travel agent out of gratitude for the amazing vacation he/she arranged for you!

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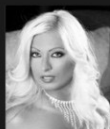
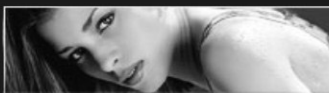
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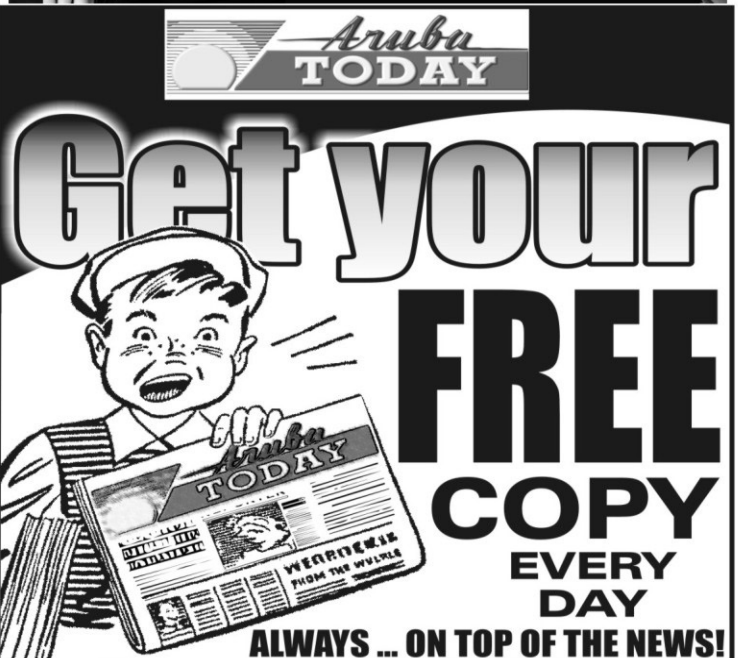
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By David M. Shribman
 Forty-six years ago, Lyndon B. Johnson chose the University of Michigan's spring commencement to set out his notion of the Great Society. Today we all know how that turned out -- great on vision, not so great on results -- but we have forgotten the promise that President Johnson set out that afternoon in Ann Arbor: "We are going to assemble the best thought and the broadest knowledge from all over the world to find those answers for America. I intend to establish working groups to prepare

a series of White House conferences and meetings -- on the cities, on natural beauty, on the quality of education and on other emerging challenges. And from these meetings and from this inspiration and from these studies we will begin to set our course toward the Great Society." Last weekend, the heir to President Johnson, or at least the successor seven times removed, delivered a Michigan commencement address in a very different time with a very different set of challenges. Barack Obama, too, had a message for the times -- and for the students who were taking their degrees:

"If you're somebody who only reads the editorial page of The New York Times, try glancing at the page of The Wall Street Journal once in a while. If you're a fan of Glenn Beck or Rush Limbaugh, try reading a few columns on the Huffington Post website. It may make your blood boil; your mind may not be changed. But the practice of listening to opposing views is essential for effective citizenship. It is essential for our democracy." America hasn't cured poverty or the problems of the cities, nor even come close to understanding the best ways to educate our young in the nearly half-century between these two commencement addresses. But today more than ever, we need to seek what Johnson called "the best thought" and we surely need "the broadest knowledge."

Indeed, Obama's plea to the readers of the editorial page of The New York Times to have a look at the editorial page of The Wall Street Journal is as vital in 2010 as Johnson's promise to consult broadly and -- this is a much-ignored phrase from LBJ's Ann Arbor text -- his conviction that "the solution to these problems does not rest on a massive program in Washington."

If a university education means anything, it means an openness to ideas that are disquieting and discomfiting. Obama referred to the Michigan students' "broad intellectual exposure." But anyone who

has spent time with recent college graduates -- and, what is even more troubling, their parents and other elders -- knows that in a time when a broader menu of information is available, at the flick of a keystroke, than at any time in human history, Americans are more interested in views that conform with their own, produced by news outlets that look at the world the way they do, featuring opinion leaders who reinforce rather than challenge their ideological inclinations.

This applies, sad to say, to readers of the Journal's editorial pages as much as to readers of the Times', to the listeners of Glenn Beck and Rush Limbaugh as much as to those who place the Huffington Post website among their favorites.

All this comes at a time when we also crave civility and compromise. A new Zogby International Poll taken in conjunction with a civility offensive at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa., found that 95 percent of Americans want civility in politics, 87 percent want political disagreement to be respectful and 70 percent want compromise.

I wrote about these findings in this space last week and, of course, was besieged by angry e-mailers -- like Tolstoy's families, every unhappy writer unhappy in his own way.

The very first note blamed the liberals and their unrelenting attacks on George W. Bush for the incivility of the current age. The second blamed the conservatives and their talk-radio jeremiads for the rancid tone of contemporary discourse. And so on, note after note.

It's Bill Clinton's fault. No, it's Newt Gingrich's fault. It's the socialist in the White House who wants the government to own everything and make your health care decisions. It's the big corporations who control the press and refuse to acknowledge the capitalist corruption of American life.

It was a political version of he said, she said: They're to blame. No, the other guys are to blame. Yuk. □

WILD ASSERTIONS IN PUBLIC ARENA TRUMP DEMONSTRABLE FACTS

By Cynthia Tucker

WASHINGTON -- In a remarkable University of Michigan commencement speech that received less attention than it deserved, President Obama called for civility, criticized closed-mindedness and defended government as "the roads you drove in on and the speed limits that kept you safe." Speaking on May 1, the president invoked a wide range of historic figures, including Abraham Lincoln, who said, "The legitimate object of government is to do for a community of people, whatever they need to have done, but cannot do ... for themselves in their separate and individual capacities."

Given the events of the last week -- with Southern Republicans eagerly embracing federal assistance in cleaning up the massive oil slick in the Gulf of Mexico -- Obama has ample opportunity to show how a competent federal government contributes to the public welfare. His administration will be judged on its results, whether containing the petroleum catastrophe or protecting the country from car bombers. That's true at least among those of us who still live in the reality-based universe. Those who hang their hats on facts, respect reason and avoid paranoid conspiracies will judge Obama rationally -- whether they are liberals or conservatives, socialists or libertarians. Reasonable conservatives may disagree with many of the president's policies, but they won't be led astray by rumors, distortions or pseudo-facts.

Unfortunately, there is a loud and conspicuous group of actors on the public stage who have left reason and truth behind, taking up residence in a parallel universe where facts are interchangeable with accusations, suspicion and lies. In the Information Age, when knowledge and expertise are more readily available than ever before, a significant minority of Americans take comfort, instead, in loopy conspiracies and nonsense.

This has moved beyond the fringe of left and right -- beyond the "truthers," who believe

that George W. Bush had advance knowledge of the Sept. 11 attacks and allowed them to proceed, beyond the "birthers," who cannot be persuaded that President Obama was born in the 50th state. Nuttiness has now taken up residence among those formerly associated with the mainstream.

There was Dana Perino, a former press secretary for George W. Bush, speculating on Fox News recently that the devastating Deepwater Horizon explosion was caused by saboteurs. Former Bush FEMA director Mike Brown spewed similar nonsense, insisting that Obama allowed the spill to get "really bad" before attempting containment -- all in an effort to discredit drilling. (The sabotage angle was apparently introduced into the political debate by right-wing talk show host Rush Limbaugh, who has never been associated with the mainstream. If BP believed it might be able to use sabotage as an excuse, wouldn't the company hang on to that bit of driftwood?) The careless and completely unfounded speculation about sabotage is just one example of a growing disregard for demonstrable facts. Another was in evidence recently from Tea Party Nation founder Judson Phillips, who participated in an online chat hosted by The Washington Post last week. Asked whether he "would admit that taxes have actually gone down for the vast majority of Americans under President Obama," Phillips replied, "No."

In fact, the stimulus bill included \$282 billion in tax cuts that went into the pockets of the vast majority of Americans. No credible economist or political figure has disputed that. By denying a fact that is demonstrably true, Phillips makes his political arguments less plausible.

In a treatise called "Authoritarianism and Polarization in American Politics," Marc Hetherington and Jonathan Weiler argue that some Americans have a high need for certainty and order and an aversion to ambiguity that leads them to "sacrifice unbiased access to information." □

Chinchilla asume como primera presidenta de Costa Rica

SAN JOSE (AP) - Laura Chinchilla prestó juramento el sábado como presidenta de Costa Rica para convertirse en la primera mujer en la historia que asume el poder en este país centroamericano, calificado por la misma mandataria como "la democracia más antigua de Latinoamérica".

Chinchilla juró en un acto realizado al aire libre en el parque La Sabana, en el corazón de la capital, ante unos 150 invitados especiales, entre ellos todos los mandatarios centroamericanos, y los gobernantes de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe; Ecuador, Rafael Correa; México, Felipe Calderón y de Georgia, Mikheil Saakashvili, además del príncipe Felipe de Borbón, España, y la princesa Nora, de Liechtenstein.

En su discurso, la nueva mandataria prometió que gobernará "con humildad, honestidad y firmeza" con un tono más de equipo que individual, aludiendo a su

equipo de gobierno, compuesto casi en 50% por mujeres.

"Trabajaremos en equipo por una Costa Rica más segura...", dijo, para agregar que buscará una nación más educada, más sana, con más y mejores viviendas, y con opciones de cuidado para niños y adultos mayores, más próspera y competitiva, más verde y más limpia, respetuosa de sus recursos naturales.

Acompañada por su esposo José María Rico, su hijo y sus padres, tras jurar, besó la banda presidencial y luego se fundió en un abrazo con el presidente saliente Oscar Arias, quien concluyó su segundo mandato luego de un primer periodo entre 1986-1990, a quien le dedicó un "reconocimiento fervoroso por sus imborrables servicios a la patria, que abrieron una ancha senda de confianza y esperanza para el país". La nueva mandataria, una politóloga de 51 años de edad, gobernará por cuatro años con retos en los campos

económico, social y ambiental, donde destacan la reactivación económica y la lucha contra el narcotráfico. En los alrededores del lugar, fueron detenidas seis personas que participaban de una protesta contra Arias y Chinchilla por temas ambientales y de concesiones de puertos en el Caribe. El asunto no pasó a más.

Chinchilla fue la primera en retirarse de la tarima principal. Poco después lo hizo Arias, quien sin embargo se desvió para saludar al gobernante nicaragüense Daniel Ortega. En una sesión aparte Chinchilla juramentó a sus ministros para luego efectuar su primer consejo de gobierno, del cual surgieron varios decretos, entre esos una moratoria a la minería metálica de oro a cielo abierto. "Nos debemos a los costarricenses, la idea (con los decretos) era enviar un mensaje sobre los temas prioritarios, aunque la tarea no se queda aquí", apuntó.



Laura Chinchilla presto juramento para convertirse en la primera mujer en la historia que asume el poder en Costa Rica.

Chinchilla es la 15ta 1959, pero la número 49na gobernante de Costa Rica que asume el Ejecutivo en la historia costarricense. □

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Greg Asadoorian, a professional piano bar entertainer for 10 years, Greg Asadoorian delivers an energetic rock 'n' roll show that gets the audience into the act. With accents of harmonica and percussion to his dexterous piano playing and versatile vocals, Greg is a true one-man band. In addition to a repertoire of crowd favorites, he also offers an R-rated, adults-only late night show.

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